(b) whether the surrounding area as well as the approach roads to this shrine require proper maintenance, cleanliness and beautification in order to maintain the significance and holiness of this world fame Shrine of Khwaja Garib-Nawaj;

(c) if so, the total amount allocated by the Central Government to the State Government during the last three years or the amount proposed to be allocated for this purpose; and

(d) if no, amount allocated, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Development, maintenance, cleanliness and beautification of surrounding area of the pilgrim places including approach roads is the responsibility of the State concerned.

(c) and (d) Ministry of Tourism, Government of India extends Central financial assistance to the State Governments/UTs for development of tourism on the basis of projects identified in consultation with them every year for providing financial assistance under the schemes Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits, Product/Infrastructure and Destination Development and Large Revenue Generating Projects. Details of projects sanctioned for Ajmer during the year 2003-04 are as under:—

(Rs. in lakh)

S.No.	Name of Project Sanctioned	Amount
1.	Construction of Vishramsthali at Dargah Sharif at Ajmer	187.00
2.	Renovation of Vishramsthali at Pushkar Road, Ajmer	68.50

Tourism centre in China

2251. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India proposes to open a tourism centre in China to tap its huge potential;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of tourists from China who visited India during the first half of this year and the estimates for the next year which is-being marked as 2,500 years of Lord Buddha as well as India-China Friendship ear?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Aproposal for opening an office in China to tap the potential of the market, is under consideration.

(c)Atotal number of 19,751 Chinese nationals arrived in India during the period January-June 2005, as compared to 15,732 during January-June 2004, registering a growth of 25.5%. Promotional activities are being undertaken to further augment tourist arrivals from China in the coming years.

Development of tourism project in Kerala

2252. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals for projects pertaining to development of tourism have been received from the State Government of Kerala;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals submitted so far;

(c) the details of projects cleared by the Centre alongwith funds released for each of these projects; and

(d) the present status of these projects, project-wise?

THE MINISTER OF- STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following projects have been submitted by the Government of Kerala for grant of central financial assistance:

(1) Revitalization of Munnar Town

(2) Development of Thekkinkad Maidan, Thrissur

(3) Development of Anakkottil, Guruvayoor

(4) Development of Beach Circuit

(5) Development of Golf course at Nedumbassry under Large Revenue Generating scheme